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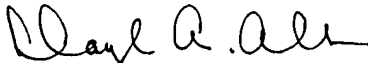
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Prior to examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, prior to the Section entitled: "FIELD OF THE INVENTION" please insert the following new paragraph:

STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT

The U.S. Government has certain rights in this invention pursuant to grant No. NAS7-1407, awarded by the National Aeronautical and Space Administration.

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification to recite certain rights the U.S. government may have to the invention. No new matter has been added by this amendment. Applicants respectfully